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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL TRANSITIONAL QUARTER REQUIREMENTS

REF: A) VALLETTA 0911 B) STATE 205196

1. THE EMBASSY IS AS PERPLEXED AS FBO CONCERNING THE DOLS 4886 IN UNANTICIPATED CHARGES FOR PACKING AND FREIGHT COSTS ON THE INITIAL FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS FOR THE NEW EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

2. WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO TRANSFER REGISTERS (FS-477) FROM FINANCIAL SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR A 35 FOOT CONTAINER OF "FURNITURE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES". THESE WERE AS FOLLOWS;

A) FS-477 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 25, 1976 (PREPARED ON JUNE 25, 1976), PAGE 53, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 1013.35 FOR CRATING CHARGES ON THE CONTAINER.

B) FS-477 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1976 (PREPARED ON JULY 2, 1976), PAGE 31, IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 3872.70 FOR FREIGHT CHARGES ON THE CONTAINER.

3. UPON ARRIVAL AND UNPACKING IN VALLETTA, THE EMBASSY DISCOVERED THAT ALMOST THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE CONTAINER CONSISTED OF ITEMS FOR THE NEW EMBASSY RESIDENCE, I.E. 66 OUT
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4. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS IN ITS BUREAU-FUNDED FY-1976 OR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER ALLOTMENTS TO COVER THESE CHARGES AS THEY WERE UNANTICIPATED AND, THEREFORE, UNBUDGETED.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE CONTAINER WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY FILLED WITH FBO FURNITURE, THE EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT ITS XJ ALLOTMENT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THESE CHARGES.
6. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FBO'S STATEMENT THAT SUCH ITEMS SHOULD BE CHARGED AGAINST A WASHINGTON OBLIGATION, IT MAY BE PREFERABLE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES TO REVISE THE FS-477 ENTRIES TO TRANSFER THEM FROM THE EMBASSY'S ALLOTMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON ACCOUNT.

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST AS THE EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS REGULAR ONGOING OBLIGATIONS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER UNTIL THIS MATTER IS SETTLED.

8. THE EMBASSY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES FBO'S CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONCERNED WITH THE RENOVATION AND FURNISHING OF THE NEW RESIDENCE.
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